

BRIDGE ACROSS COLUMBIA RIVER AT KETTLE FALLS,
WASH.

DECEMBER 30, 1924.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. JONES of Washington, from the Committee on Commerce,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3642]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3642) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River at Kettle Falls, Wash., have considered the same and report thereon with amendments, and, as so amended, recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill thus amended has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed correspondence, the amendments referred to therein having been incorporated in the bill as reported.

In line 6, after the word "river," strike out the words "on State road numbered 3, at Kettle Falls," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Kettle Falls, and."

In line 7, after the word "between," strike out "Laurier in"; and after the word "and," in the same line, strike out "Colville in."

WAR DEPARTMENT, December 19, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, S. 3642, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River at Kettle Falls, Wash., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Columbia River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

Washington, December 19, 1924.

Hon. W. L. JONES,

Chairman Committee on Commerce,

United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, 1924, transmitting a copy of the bill (S. 3642) with the request that the committee be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would grant consent of Congress to the State of Washington for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge across the Columbia River, near Kettle Falls, within or near section 11, township 36 north, of range 37 east of Willamette meridian. The proposed bridge will be on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Washington and will be a free bridge. There seems to be no objection to favorable action on the bill from the standpoint of this department.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*